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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2548**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ting**

February 21, 2014

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An act to add Section 33318.6 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2548, as amended, Ting. Postsecondary education.

*Existing law vests specified powers and duties in the State Department of Education for purposes of the public education system.*

*Existing law sets forth the functions and responsibilities of the California Postsecondary Education Commission in its capacity as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and adviser to the Legislature and the Governor. In particular, the commission is required to review all proposals for changes in eligibility pools for admission to public institutions and segments of postsecondary education and to make recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor, and institutions of postsecondary education. In carrying out this requirement, the commission is required to periodically conduct a study of the percentages of California public high school graduates estimated to be eligible for admission to the University of California and the California State University.*

*This bill would require the State Department of Education to periodically conduct studies of the percentages of California public high school graduates estimated to be eligible for admission to the University of California and the California State University.*

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education, in the context of the goals of the Master Plan for Higher Education in California. Among other things, the act expresses legislative intent to outline in statute the broad policy and programmatic goals of the master plan and to expect the higher education segments to be accountable for attaining those goals. The act also expresses legislative intent with respect to various matters.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage more students to pursue higher education.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 33318.6 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:

3     33318.6. The Department of Education shall periodically  
4     conduct studies of the percentages of California public high school  
5     graduates estimated to be eligible for admission into the University  
6     of California and the California State University.

7     SECTION 1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
8     ~~legislation that would encourage more students to pursue higher~~  
9     ~~education.~~